Special package for Mumbai

2616. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received number of representations/ suggestions regarding grant of special package for the development of Mumbai particularly during the recent monsoon havoc which has surpassed record of last century rains and ruined the city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government especially after the recent aerial visit by the Prime Minister of the affected areas of Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Government has released Rs. 1000 crore to the Government of Maharashtra towards relief necessitated by the recent floods in the State.

Shortage of Scientists in pure Sciences

2617. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is likely to face shortage of scientists in pure sciences;

(b) if so, the reasons for such shortage and what measures are being taken to reverse the trend;

(c) whether Government agree that the research facilities in pure sciences are lacking in the country;

(d) if so, the steps that are being taken to equip the laboratories; and

(e) the steps that are being taken to encourage scientists to build international academic and research linkages in pure sciences?